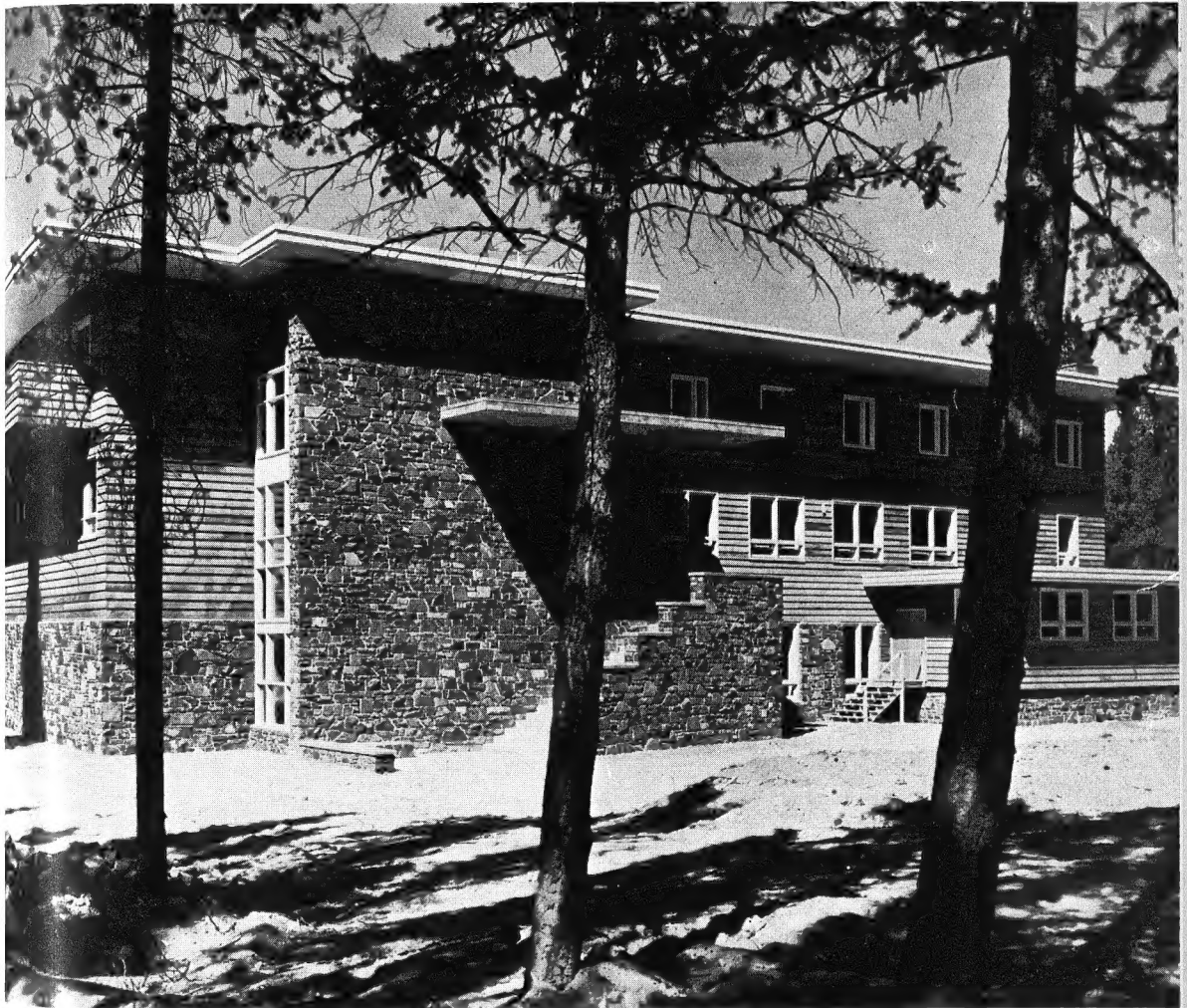


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The Editor's Page

● An Important Decision

One of the most important decisions, to our mind, of the annual meeting of the General Alumni Association was to make available, out of current alumni funds, a sum of money to pay the expenses of the alumni executive and staff of the University travelling on alumni business in 1954-5.

Two things should happen.

It is to be hoped that faculty groups, and local committees of the parent organization will place greater call on University and alumni speakers at their various functions. Also, by putting more informed people in the field there should be a resurgence of interest in the alumni association generally.

Up to the time of the last annual meeting the matter of dollars and cents for travel, for anyone other than the secretary, was a bothersome item. Now, there's no doubt, but that even more strenuous efforts will be forthcoming to personally contact a wider number of graduates in the field and to organize more branches and local committees in the nine alumni zones of Alberta.

● Reaching the Zenith

Traditionally, on the night before Convocation, the Spring graduands, their parents and friends meet in Athabasca Hall for the annual Alumni Dinner.

This year, there was the usual near capacity crowd in attendance. Miss Beth Empey, dietician, and her capable staff outdid themselves—the "roast beef au jus" was exemplary. No finer choice could have been made in the speakers. For a world of campus reminiscence we had the senior Don of experience, L. Y. Cairns, Q.C., a member of the first graduating class of the University. An outstanding contribution to the evening's entertainment was made by Dr. Anna Wilson Sharpe '30, one of two former lady president's of the Students' Union.

Bringing student life today sharply into relief was our own Rhodes Scholar, Jim Redmond. The young lady, Flora-Jean Morrison, who led the toast-making, spoke so fittingly and with such zest about her Alma Mater that we requested permission to print the text of her address in full. We take pleasure in drawing it to your attention on page 201.



The Good Alumna

BY RACHEL MELLINGER

NOT so very long ago thirty-two hundred graduates of Smith College received letters with the heading "The Organization for Discrimination in Giving."

The letter claimed that five Smith professors were now or had been associated with "organizations cited as Communist or Communist-front by the Attorney General of the United States and the Committee on Un-American Activities." It urged alumnae to withhold contributions to Smith. The letter took effect, but not as the sender expected. Within four days alumnae letters equalled the number the college usually received in six months. Most included donations, (from one dollar to one thousand dollars). All expressed confidence in Smith and disapproval of what the alumnae felt to be an irresponsible attack.

We thought of all those Smith graduates. Thirty-two hundred of them. Maybe they read the letter with breakfast coffee that day, puzzling over the letterhead, perhaps folding it up for the time being. They must have thought about the matter during the day. They must have become annoyed that there was no background information on "The Organization for Discrimination in Giving," no explanation of what "associated with" meant. We picture the husbands returning to the their respective dinner tables, and the discussions that must have started. Then the letters and cheques. The very next day.

Most of us don't get letters challenging support of our alma maters, allowing us to rush, if not in armor, then in air mail, to champion our colleges. Most of us these days do come face to face with the implications of our college education sooner rather than later. We graduate. We go out into The World. Almost immediately we run into the progressive-education enthusiast who feels that following one's own creative bent is ideal for everybody, or the graduate who claims that a Great Books curriculum is the ultima Thule in undergraduate experience. We wonder just what to say when the husband of a friend pounds his fist on the bridge table and declares: "What's education if it doesn't get you contacts and a million dollars at age thirty-five?" That's how it starts. Then issues such as intellectual freedom for our professors and ourselves become issues of personal urgency, and we see the whole alumnae business in a new light.

This peculiar event, this awareness of the kind of education we were given and the values we picked up along the way, may explain why alumnae say that teas and handshaking aren't enough any more. When Penn State polled graduates to find what they actually wanted in their three-day class reunion, the response was an overwhelming vote against the round of parties with the college cheer. Typical was this answer: "Modern life has become so complicated, so full of unanswered questions and unknown fields. I wish I could return to the campus for a series of courses in the liberal arts . . ." The result was an Alumni Institute, with faculty

giving special lectures and an attendance five times that of the previous year. Teas aren't enough for The Woman's College Board in Chicago either. This organization of twenty-six college alumnae groups supports a full-time counselling service to give prospective students impartial information about colleges, finances college tours for high school advisers, sponsors radio talks and forums.

These two alumnae groups typify many others. Their organized activities reflect the attitudes of many individual graduates. The one who sits down to write her quarterly of her fight for a better school board "because I'm sure that this problem is one shared by many alumnae." The one who reads that today's college enrollment will double in fifteen years—and immediately thinks of the effect this statistic will have on all colleges, on her own college. The Good Alumna of Smith who might not have reacted with healthy skepticism toward the recent letter if she hadn't been reading about other canards.

This awareness of our own college education in relation to what goes on in the world is the measure of the Good Alumna. It's the state of open mind that leads us to keep informed about our own college and educational trends elsewhere. It obliges us to tell others about the specific advantages of our own college, about the kind of education we believe in. It requires backing our moral support with financial support. It requires critical evaluation too—our informed opinion in the alumnae quarterly on the college's latest curriculum change is as vital as our annual cheque.

Whether we meet the issues through a local group or on our own as we react to the morning headlines, it's an exciting time to be an alumna.



Staff Member Honoured By Royal Society

Dr. H. Bruce Collier, head of the department of biochemistry at the University has recently been made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. Membership in the Society now stands at 472.

Dr. Collier has served on the teaching staffs of McGill and Dalhousie Universities, is a member of several leading scientific societies, and the author of a number of scientific treatises.

University Mixed Chorus Wins Plaudits

Every Spring in the month of May the University Mixed Chorus hies itself north, south, west or east in the province to bring the University, and good music, to a large segment of our population.

Last month it was central and south central Alberta, and the 75 young musical ambassadors led by Professor Richard S. Eaton were heard by large and very receptive audiences in Lacombe, Red Deer, Brooks, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Cardston, Glenwood, Olds, and Camrose.

An Early History of the U. of A.

BY GEORGE SAMUEL

(Continued)

From the Great Depression to World War II

The economic crisis of the early thirties, which was about to be finally disposed of when the second war broke out, had its effect on student registration. The figures for 1930-31 showed an increase of over 200, to 1,790; those for the two succeeding years were 1,938 and 1,965. A decrease and a rapid recovery brought the enrolment to 2,327 in 1939-40. The full-time teaching staff rose to 109, and the number of teaching departments to 42. Arts and Science instructional fees were increased in 1933-34 to \$110 in all years except the first, and in 1937-38 to \$110 in all years. As a result, presumably, of the decrease in prices, the cost of room and board fell to \$27 a month; but recovered at the end of the period to \$30. In 1939, the Library contained some 67,000 volumes.

The question of affiliation of junior colleges was raised in 1931 on application from Mount Royal College in Calgary. Under terms devised by a Senate Committee, Mount Royal was affiliated and began instruction in what were then subjects taught in the second year at the University.

Until the session of 1938-39, students were in fact admitted to the University on the basis of junior matriculation, which was equivalent to the achievement of certain standards in the first years of high school; so that the first University year was similar to the final year of high school. But in 1938-39, senior matriculation, obtained after completion of the high school courses, became the requirement for University entrance except in certain cases in the Faculty of Agriculture. The years of University courses were renumbered accordingly.

The financial position of the University naturally suffered from the general stringency. The annual Provincial contribution was reduced from about \$576,000 in 1930-31 to \$390,000 in 1933-34; in addition the University was asked to provide for the Research Council out of its own budget, so that in effect the decrease was approximately \$200,000. Even by 1939-40, the annual contribution had risen to only \$425,000. The teaching staff was given no increments of pay; in fact, two deductions from pay were made. Vacancies on the staff were not filled. Demonstrators were not employed. Where it was possible, without giving up any major field of instruction, courses were abolished and outside services were drastically restricted. Despite these measures, the accumulated deficit on 31st March, 1940, was nearly \$18,000; and there were budget deficits after 1940.

The New Trail is pleased to present the second and final installment of **An Early History of the U. of A.**, prepared by Mr. George Samuel, Assistant to the President of the University.

If there are any graduates who inadvertently missed the first portion of this work, we would gladly make available a few copies of the last issue on request.

New construction had been at a standstill since the opening of the Medical Building in 1921.

It was in 1933 that the School for the Drama, which later developed into the Banff School of Fine Arts, had its beginning. Three years later there were 200 students in music, drama and painting.

The ice rink, financed by the students, was handed over free of debt to the Board of Governors in 1933.

In the next year, the Western Board of Music, which associated the Universities and Departments of Education of Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, was set up to conduct examinations of a high standard in music.

The teaching of architecture in the Faculty of Applied Science was abandoned on the retirement of Professor C. S. Burgess in 1940.

Student societies now included five men's fraternities and four women's. But it was laid down that students in their first year might not become members. A reminder of one of the difficulties that may arise within a University is provided by the regulation adopted in these years which prohibited the use of, having, or bringing of liquors on University premises.

In the last year of this period, the School of Education, which was in operation for the training of secondary school teachers in 1931-32, received the title of College.

World War II

As might have been expected, registration fell; but only by some 15%, to 2,023 in 1943-44. The Dominion Government knew that there would be a need for persons with technical training; and it was agreed that the armed services should regulate the intake of recruits from the Universities for the fighting forces. In 1944-45, the first group of veterans joined the University's classes, to raise the total registration to 2,679. By the end of the war, the number of full-time instructors had reached 140.

The instructional fees in Arts and Science remained at \$110. In 1941-42 the cost of board and residence had reached \$32.50 per month. In the following year, and almost until the end of the war, the residences were in the hands of the R.C.A.F. Financially the University was now in a more sound position; the Government grant rose to \$602,500 in 1944-45. After 1942-43, the budget ceased to be in deficit. Some assistance was given by the Dominion Government in connection with special courses. It was now possible to set aside the salary reductions under which the staff had labored for some ten years.

It was in this period that the degree of Bachelor of Education (B.Educ.) ceased to be based on graduate study and became an undergraduate degree. The new graduate degree was Master of Education, and it might be claimed by any person who before December, 1939, held the B.Educ. The breaking of the bonds that held Education to the Faculty of Arts and Science was signified by the announcement that henceforth no more candidates would be accepted for the degree of Master of Arts in Education. The title "Faculty of Education" was in fact officially used in

1942-43. Two years later, the University took over responsibility for all training of teachers in the province. The staffs of the Normal Schools in Edmonton and Calgary were added to the faculty. The effect of the change was that all teachers in the province would be regarded as being at some stage of the curriculum for the degree of Bachelor of Education, and that all the schools would have on their staffs persons who had some experience of what the University had to offer. A board of teacher training and certification was set up to maintain liaison between the bodies concerned; it contained representatives of the Education Department, the University and the Alberta Teachers' Association.

The Government assisted in the University's radio work by erecting a new transmitter for CKUA on the Calgary Trail some three miles south of the city. Unfortunately, a commercial license, which it was hoped would make the station self-supporting, was not granted. The station was taken over by the Department of Telephones in 1944, though the University retained the right to broadcasting time and is still officially the licensee.

In these years, also, there was no new construction, apart from a few small buildings, all but one non-permanent, erected in view of the special circumstances arising out of the war. Various makeshift arrangements were made, such as the use and subsequent abandonment of the old Garneau School for engineering. The tide began to turn in the session of 1944-45, when the residences were in process of redecoration after being returned by the R.C.A.F.

Military training became compulsory for all students. This resulted in the formation of the University Auxiliary Battalion. In 1942-43, the Air Training Corps and the Naval Training Division completed the permanent representation of the armed forces on the campus. It was required by Government regulation that any student whose progress was slower than the normal rate should be refused permission to return to the University.

A new feature of the year 1944-45 was an exchange of students between the University and the New Haven State Teachers' College; this was promoted by the Canadian-American Women's Committee on International Relations. Such an exchange took place in the session of 1952-53.

The Summer School session of 1944-45 enrolled 1,070 students, an increase of over 700 above the number of the previous year. This was the result of the absorption by the University of the Department of Education Summer School.

The "New Trail" was begun in 1942 with the aim of keeping former students informed regarding events at the University.

A University Survey Committee was appointed in 1941. It held open hearings and received representations from the public. As a result of its report, the amending and consolidating University Act of 1942 was passed. It is this Act which, with its amendments, regulates the affairs of the University at the present time.

The University aided in the effective prosecution of the war not only by accepting restrictions and by giving up the use of such buildings as the residences and the Education Building but by providing technical instruction for members of the armed forces and by speeding up the courses in Medicine and Dentistry so as to provide a

greater flow of dentists and doctors for the armed forces. Professor Thomas, in his book, "The University of Alberta in the War of 1939-45", has given a full account of these matters.

The Post-War Era to the Present Day

Statistics show that student enrolment in the winter session increased to 3,447 in 1945-46, 4,315 in 1946-47 and a peak of 4,865 in 1947-48. There was then first a rapid and then a gradual decline to 1952-53, when the figure was 3,337. In 1953-54 there has been a small increase. The full-time teaching staff at the end of the period numbered 230. Summer School enrolment rose from 1,533 to 1,668. The Library held at the end of the period some 144,500 volumes.

Increasing costs of operation are reflected in the increase in Arts and Science instructional fees to \$145 and \$160 according to the years of study; and in the increased costs of board and residence which, having risen to \$40 a month in 1945-46, are now \$55 or \$60.

These increases by no means met the expenditures which were necessary. The Government of Alberta annual grant rose to \$1,700,000; and the new Dominion grant in 1951-52 amounted to almost \$461,000. With the exception of two years, the budget was not in deficit.

The great increase in registration and the fact that no permanent teaching buildings had been added since the opening of the Medical Building in 1921, produced great difficulties. Teaching went on continuously without any break from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Army huts, which still disfigure the campus but which will be removed within the next few years, were erected to accommodate extra classes. The Mathematics department moved into the old University High School. Additional members were recruited to the teaching staff on a temporary basis. The University operated the year round despite the inevitable loss of time which should have been devoted to study and self-improvement on the part of the staff, and there was a special term which opened in May; but it was possible in 1947-48 to adopt a more normal schedule. The Library especially suffered in its cramped quarters; there were only 285 reading-room seats for the whole student body.

Living accommodation for students, some hundreds of whom were married, was very scarce. With Provincial Government backing, the City of Edmonton converted Dawson Creek huts into suites. At the airport, suites for married men were provided by Dominion agency and accommodation for single men by the province. Citizens of Edmonton made some 1,400 rooms available in their homes for students.

The generous support of the Government of Alberta made possible the clearing of some of the backlog of construction. The west wing of the Medical Building opened in 1947; the east wing, which includes the new Dental Clinic, in the next year. The completion of the new provincial laboratory of public health in 1950 released space in the Medical Building, and further relief in the Arts and other buildings resulted from the completion of the Rutherford Library in 1951. The Engineering Building provides badly-needed space, mainly in the South Laboratory; and the completion of the Agricultural Building, which is expected this year, should

make it possible to dispense with some of the old army huts, whose maintenance is becoming increasingly expensive. Special mention should be made of the Dr. John S. McEachern Cancer Research Laboratory, a gift of the Alberta Division, Canadian Cancer Society; it was opened in 1952. The Banff School began construction in 1946 of its permanent buildings on Tunnel Mountain; the new Administration Building is now in use.

The opening of the new Students' Union Building in 1950 was one of the more obvious changes in the conditions of student life on the campus. In the residences, wardens were appointed for the first time; residence life was thereby given a new focal point. The first annual Homecoming Day was held in October, 1946. The opening by the National Employment Service of a branch office on the campus gave students a convenient means of obtaining either permanent employment on graduation or temporary work during the summer. The importance of the services rendered to the University by the President of the Students' Union and other student officials was recognized by the provision of honoraria out of scholarship funds. At the annual Varsity Guest Weekend, inaugurated by the students in 1952, the province is invited to visit the University, meet the staff and students, and see what is going on.

This period has been marked by a considerable expansion of the Calgary Branch of the University. The full two-year teacher-training course was offered in 1946-47. In 1948-49, new science laboratories were constructed to provide for certain courses in Arts and Science and for the first three years of the degree of Bachelor of Education in Industrial Arts. The academic year 1951-52 saw the institution of instruction in the first year of the Arts and Science courses, and consequently of the first pre-professional year of Law, Medicine and Dentistry.

Other academic changes included the shortening of the medical course to four years, so that internship could be taken after graduation and that no obstacle to graduation would arise from an anticipated lack of facilities for internship in Edmonton and district hospitals. The matriculation system for entry to the University was revised so as to reduce the number of compulsory subjects and allow more freedom of choice of high school courses. Evening classes, which later were arranged so as to provide credits towards a degree, were begun both in Edmonton and in Calgary. In 1951-52 the School of Graduate Studies, as old as the University, accepted its first student for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. The Universities of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan are collaborating in the operation of a six-weeks School of Business Administration which is held each year at the Banff School of Fine Arts.

In 1951 and again in 1952 and 1953 the University has seen fit to do honor to distinguished writers, artists, and musicians by conferring its National Awards in Letters, Music, and Painting and Related Arts, on one person in each of these fields who over a period of years has notably advanced the cause of his art in Canada.

In so doing the University has not assisted obscure genius towards public recognition, nor has it given monetary aid. Any merit which might lie in these awards

would arise from the position which the University had attained in the intellectual and the public life of this country.

Many distinguished men in the province have contributed to the attainment of that position. The desire to present in limited compass a detailed portrait of the University in this period of its early growth, and the difficulty of assessing individual contributions, have led to the omission of their names.

The University is the product of the foresight which provided the land; of the collective wisdom of Chancellor, President, Board, Senate, Convocation and Faculty Councils which built steadily and surely, adapted the organization of the University to the needs of the moment, and yet looked steadfastly into the future; of the elected representatives of the people of the province whose financial support provided the means without which foresight and wisdom could have achieved little.



Provincial Government Photo

It isn't often that we are favoured with an aerial view of the campus quite so sharply defined as the one shown above. We are looking due west, and for those older graduates, one or two of the newer buildings stand out in relief. The Students' Union Building, is shown immediate right foreground; new Engineering Building, dead centre and light coloured in reproduction; and the new Agriculture Building, extreme left and centre.

Have you paid your dues to the Alumni Association?



Frank W. Peers '36, '43 Enroute to Pakistan

TRAIL BLAZERS

A graduate of many accomplishments, *Frank W. Peers*, of Toronto, and C.B.C. supervisor of talks and public affairs, was invited recently as a member of a seven-man delegation from Canada to attend the Commonwealth Relations Conference in Lahore, Pakistan.

The last such conference, held for the unofficial exchange of views among peoples of the Commonwealth, was in September, 1949, at Bigwin Inn, Ontario. Previous conferences had been held in London, England; Sydney, Australia; and (the first, in 1933) at Toronto. The host at the conference was the Pakistan Institute of International Affairs, and the delegates in attendance were from the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India and Pakistan, with two observers attending from Ceylon.

Mr. Peers, who has been with the CBC since 1947, is a graduate in history and political science from the University of Alberta and the University of Toronto. He has directed a number of CBC public affairs programs, including Citizens' Forum, Capital Report, the Couchiching Conference broadcasts, and news reviews. He is a member of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, the Canadian Political Science Association, the Canadian Historical Association, and is an executive member of the Canadian Association for Adult Education. Before joining the CBC he was assistant director of extension for the University of Alberta, and assistant director of the Banff School of Fine Arts.

Address to the Graduating Class

Spring Convocation—May 14, 1954

BY E. H. STRICKLAND

AS the most recent class to graduate from this University, you doubtless consider yourselves entitled, at this time, to be addressed by some eminent personage whose scholarly phrases would leave your ears ringing with erudition. This has, indeed, been the precedent at former Convocations. For reasons unknown to me, the University authorities have, this year, decided to modify the more normal procedure by honouring me with an invitation to deliver this address. They have, however, wisely informed me that I am rigidly limited to inflicting myself on you for not more than ten minutes.

Even without this restriction, for me to attempt erudition would, I fear, prove to be a lamentable failure. This would merely produce what St. Paul aptly likened to the sound of a tinkling cymbal, the quality of which could be transformed into something more challenging only by the exercise of your own charity. As a humble entomologist and, possibly for the enlightenment of some of our guests, I should even replace this rather high-sounding term with "bug-man", I address you as your most recent fellow alumnus. Today, for the first time, I proudly wear with you, a hood from this University. I must, however, rapidly revert to humility for, whereas the majority of you have acquired this distinction at the most after four years of residence here, it has taken me 32 years to attain the same objective.

Each of us has reason to wear our respective hood with pride. The standards set by this University are high among those of Canada and, may I add, of the entire Continent. I remember one of our past Presidents lamenting the fact that, when he presented a degree from an Eastern Canadian University as credentials for admission to a graduate school, its standard was most critically questioned. He mentioned this to me at a time when we had just been informed by another large University in the same country that it had adopted the policy of accepting an Alberta degree without further question. Experience had shown that it always stood up to its face value. I have, therefore, good reason to congratulate each one of you on the quality of the degree you will receive today.

For the majority of you, your days of formal instruction in the lecture-room and in the laboratory are over. On your own shoulders now rests the responsibility for the use to which you will put the education you have received.

Some years ago, while chatting with a number of students who were experiencing the throes of pre-final jitters, I remarked that a degree might well constitute the most damning document in the possession of its holder. Some showed signs of perturbation at such apparent blasphemy. But, when all is said and done, what does the possession of a degree infer? Chiefly, I suggest, it proclaims that its holder has had opportunities to gain a well-organized insight into a diversity of

knowledge which, to say the least, is not readily accessible to those who have been less fortunate. Its possession, then, assuredly carries with it the corollary that, if the holder is to gain the respect of his fellow men, he must, of necessity, reveal in his daily contacts with them that these opportunities have not been wasted on him.

I feel that certain Universities in the United States employ a better word for convocation than is the one in general use here. The word is "Commencement". Graduates, on that day, are declared, on the authority of the degree then handed to them, to be prepared to *commence* a fuller life than might otherwise have been possible to them.

Dissatisfaction is sometimes expressed that, in modern University curricula, so much stress is placed on vocational training. This, of necessity, is at the expense of the opportunities for cultural enhancement which, in former times, assumed a more prominent role in University life. The present trend is however, to my mind, a perfectly healthy sign of the times. Our age calls as urgently for action as it still does for clear thinking. We cannot, then, accord the highest acclaim to anyone who, neglecting the former, withdraws from competition with his fellow men and enters an ivory tower to devote his best talents exclusively to the satisfaction of mental attainments.

Beyond question, those of you who have obtained a vocational training here are far better equipped to render more valuable service in your chosen profession or vocation than would have been possible to you by any other type of preparation. The majority of you, presumably, have today clear-cut objectives in life in which you have every reason to believe that the major courses you have selected have laid a firm foundation for ultimate success. It is more than possible, however, that some of you may find yourselves embarked upon vastly different courses of activity in ten years' time.

In any event, by a wise dispensation, you have been required while here to discipline your minds along lines other than those which you now feel lead most directly to those intended goals. It may well be that one or more of these other lines may prove to be of far more interest and value to you than are those which appear to be all-important today. While you have been here, you have come under the direct influence of many a teacher. Each one of these has devoted the best part of his life to reviewing, and to appraising the relative value of, the accumulated wisdom in his particular subject. It is the best, only, that he has passed on to you. Even though, in recent weeks, a minority of you may have demonstrated that, as yet, in certain of these subjects, you have absorbed hardly more than 50% of the information that has been offered to you, each and every subject in its entirety is now your heritage.

Dare you allow any of this accumulated wisdom to lie idle in your minds, gradually to be effaced by the more pressing demands of your chosen vocation? Rather you should conscientiously correlate and develop the diverse knowledge, now available to you, in every daily activity. It will, thus, constitute a constant source of inspiration to wider achievement.

Before long, you may find yourself in competition with so-called self-educated men and women who, by their own industry, may have acquired a mastery of detail in your own subject which already exceeds anything now at your disposal. A rather pathetic feature in the lives of many such hard-working people, however, is the fact that they are handicapped in attaining heights well within your reach simply because they do not possess that additional knowledge which, possibly rather unwillingly, you have "boned up" with unwarranted emphasis on an approaching examination. However diverse may be the varied approaches to knowledge which have been presented to you, all are ultimately focussed upon the central core of truth around which our every activity revolves.

Some years ago, a student informed me that I was not justified in criticising his appalling misuse of English in an Entomology test. He contended that he had satisfied his examiners, in school and in this University, in English courses. I can but assume that he found my own subject to be so far removed from anything that could, by any stretch of imagination, be considered as cultural that I was seriously at fault when I demanded some attention to irrelevant knowledge in connection with it.

Many of us, however, have missed much of the best things in life by failing to make full use of the heritage we acquired during our own University education when, finally, we embarked on our life's missions. I speak to you today as one who realizes all too well his own shortcomings in this respect. In the hurly-burly demands of the work-a-day vocational activities which are soon to crowd upon you, it may not be possible to devote too much thought to the more cultural aspects of the education you have received from this University. The disciplines along these lines which have been inculcated into you during the past few years should, however, be counted as among your most treasured possessions. These are attributes to be nurtured throughout your lives in order that they may, yearly, grow in stature and steadily become increasingly an integral part of your personalities. In addition to their direct value in enhancing your entire lives, it is these which set upon you the stamp of a well-educated man or woman far more than does a profound knowledge of subjects such as chemistry, biology, law or medicine. The latter, in essence, constitute merely your tools of trade.

On more than one occasion, I have heard a graduating class informed that they, together with all other University graduates, are the salt of the earth and that the current generation looks to them to rectify the sorry pass to which a less intellectual humanity has brought this world. While I do claim that you are better equipped to tackle such a mission than you might have been without your education, from my own personal experience, I rather doubt whether attendance at a University for a few years has very much effect on one's individual salinity. I imagine that the majority of you still approximate the 10% concentration which, throughout the ages, has proved to be best adapted to various biological activities. I prophesy that you, together with the rest of your generation, will continue to muddle along much as did your fathers and your grandfathers before them. Your children, when they graduate in some 20 years' time, probably will be informed

that the world now looks to them to straighten out the mess that is their legacy from you. I venture even to suggest that your grandchildren, in their turn, will fail in the same mission with equal aplomb. Thank heaven, the "flaming youth" shibboleth, rampant a few years ago, appears to be suffering a well-merited eclipse.

If, however, each of you leaves your Alma Mater determined to put your recently acquired knowledge to the best use in rendering life a little more tolerable to your immediate family, friends and acquaintances and, should larger horizons be opened to you, to far wider circles of your fellow men, no one can, or should, ask more of you. Your University training has widened your scope for so doing. It is your privilege, as well as your duty, to put your enhanced capacity for service to the very best use.

In this quest, before we part on our several ways, may I be permitted one brief quotation and say, with all my heart, to each and every one of you, "God bless us, one and all".



Presentation of Rae McIntyre Chittick

BY HELEN E. PENHALE

Eminent Chancellor:

I have the honour to present to you Rae McIntyre Chittick, that you may confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws, HONORIS CAUSA.

Miss Chittick is the first nurse and the second lady educationist who has been thus honoured by this University. She is a worthy representative of the nursing and of the teaching profession, both of which are, in a sense, being honoured with her this afternoon.

Miss Chittick was born in Burgoyne, Ontario. She received her early education—elementary school, high school and normal school in Calgary. She left the teaching profession temporarily to study Nursing at the School of Nursing, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore. Her firm belief in education is evidenced by the fact that she holds the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Teachers' College, Columbia University, a Master of Arts degree in Education from Stanford University, and the degree, Master in Public Health (cum laude) from Harvard University. She also attended one summer session at Oxford University.

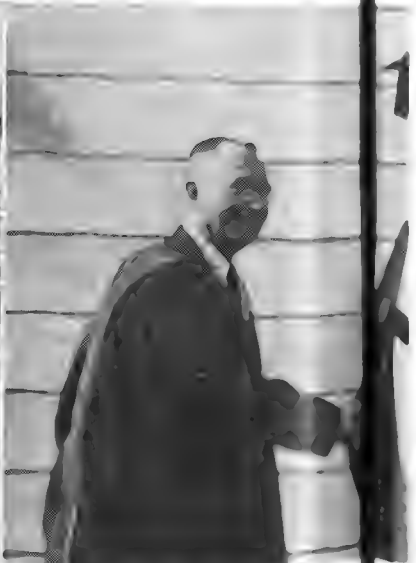
Following graduation from the School of Nursing, Miss Chittick entered the field of public health nursing. She worked with the Victorian Order of Nurses in British Columbia and later with the Sackatchewan Department of Education.

In 1926 she joined the staff of the Provincial Normal School, Calgary, as instructor in health education. In 1945, when the Normal School became a part of the University of Alberta, Miss Chittick joined the staff with the rank of Assistant Professor, and later Associate Professor. During her term of office she organized

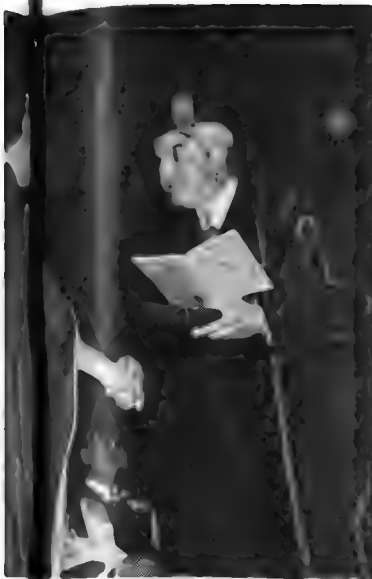


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Under welcome, sunny skies some 500 graduands of the University of Alberta paraded proudly to successful completion of their University studies. During the afternoon three honorary doctors were conferred: Dr. Chittick, Montreal, (top centre); and Mr. John D. Dower, Edmonton, (top left). The degree doctor shown lower centre, being congratulated by Dr. O. J. Walker. Flanking Dr. Strickland are the gradu



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and proceeded to the University gymnasium on May 14 to receive their degrees and awards marking the
 faculty degrees were conferred on Dr. Peter M. Campbell, Lethbridge, (top right); Miss Rae
 of the Department of Science was conferred on the guest speaker of the day, Professor E. H. Strickland,
 re graduate parties making their way from the rink to the gymnasium.

and directed the health services in addition to her teaching responsibilities. In 1953 she was appointed Associate Professor and Director of the School for Graduate Nurses, McGill University, Montreal.

Miss Chittick has rendered outstanding service to this province in the field of general education. She was a very active member of the Curriculum Committee of the Provincial Department of Education. She is the author of the Canadian edition of the text, *Health Through Science*. In 1942 she assisted with the revision of the *St. John Ambulance Home Nursing Text*. A number of articles on health written by her have been published in Canadian periodicals. Her *Study on Nursing Services in Alberta*, made at the request of the Alberta Health Survey Committee, charted a course for the future development of Nursing in Alberta.

Several organizations have benefited from her broad experience. She served as nurse adviser to the Canadian Red Cross Society, Alberta Division; as chairman of the Junior Red Cross Committee; as President of the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses and as President of the Canadian Nurses Association. She is at present the Chairman of the Canadian Nurses Association Committee on Constitution, By-laws, and Legislation.

Miss Chittick is widely known and admired by nurses across Canada—not only for her outstanding ability but for her modesty, graciousness, and dignity. She is untiring in effort, meticulous in work, a perfectionist in accomplishment, a wise counsellor and a true friend.

Eminent Chancellor: For the degree of Doctor of Laws, HONORIS CAUSA, I present Miss Rae McIntyre Chittick.

Presentation of Peter McGregor Campbell

BY DEAN J. W. SCOTT

Eminent Chancellor:

I have the honor to present to you for the degree of Doctor of Laws, HONORIS CAUSA, Doctor Peter McGregor Campbell of Lethbridge.

Doctor Campbell was born on a farm near Renfrew, Ontario. He received his public school education in a neighbouring little red school house and his high school education in the town of Renfrew. He entered Queen's University in the autumn of 1888 and received his B.A. Degree in 1892 and his M.D. Degree in 1896. Following his graduation in Medicine, Doctor Campbell practiced for a few years in Ontario and came to Western Canada in the year 1900. From 1900 to 1906 he practiced at Cardston, Alberta. Since 1906 Doctor Campbell has practiced Medicine in the City of Lethbridge. He is director of the Campbell Clinic and surgeon to the Canadian Pacific Railway.

In the field of Medicine he has made many valuable contributions. He was President of the Alberta Medical Association in 1929. He has acted as examiner for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta and the Medical Council of Canada. In addition, he is still a very active member of the General Faculty Council Committee on Postgraduate Qualifications in Medicine.

In spite of a busy professional life, Doctor Campbell has contributed to the public life of this province. He was a member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta from 1937 until 1944. He has been honored as a Senior Member of the Canadian Medical Association and is Honorary Chieftain of the Blood Indian Tribe. For a period of fifty-eight years, Doctor Campbell has given devoted service as an active practitioner of Medicine and is still in active practice. He exemplifies all that is highest and best in the profession of Medicine and is regarded by his colleagues as the Dean of Physicians of this province. In addition, he has given distinguished service in the public life of the City of Lethbridge and the Province of Alberta over the past fifty years.

It is fitting, Eminent Chancellor, that the University of Alberta should recognize him as an eminent physician and an outstanding citizen.

Presentation of John David Dower

BY DR. ANDREW STEWART

Eminent Chancellor:

I have the honour to present to you John David Dower for the degree of Doctor of Laws, HONORIS CAUSA.

It is written: "Justice, justice shalt thou pursue, that you may live in your land. The stranger which sojourns with you, shall be unto you as a native among you. And you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."

John Dower came to this land as a stranger from Austria. He found in his adopted country generous opportunities, and has contributed generously to the promotion of justice and welfare in it.

Throughout his business activities, which now embrace the major cities of western Canada, it can be said that John Dower has left "footprints in the sands of time". It can equally be said that, in his diverse activities outside his business, he had devoted himself to lightening "the leaden footsteps of Care".

The vehicles through which his effort, wisdom and generosity have been put at the disposal of his fellows are too numerous to list in full. If I mention the Chamber of Commerce, Edmonton Community Chest, Red Cross Society, Boy Scouts, Beth Shalom Congregation, and the Young Men's Christian Association—these are sufficient to illustrate the catholicity of his interests and the scope of his efforts. In all this and in many other ways not recorded he has "done good by stealth", and I fear may "blush to find it fame".

Since 1949, John Dower has been Chairman of the Executive Committee of the "Friends of the University". This organization, and the University, have benefited from his support and wise counselling.

Eminent Chancellor, it is a privilege to present to you for the degree of Doctor of Laws, HONORIS CAUSA, a distinguished Canadian citizen and Friend of the University, John David Dower.

Presentation of Edgar Harold Strickland

By DR. O. J. WALKER

Eminent Chancellor:

I have the honor of presenting Edgar Harold Strickland to you for the degree of Doctor of Science. Although Colonel Strickland was born in England and obtained his Master's degree at Harvard in the United States he has spent over forty years in the Province of Alberta—first at the Dominion Department of Agriculture, Field Station in Lethbridge, and since 1922 at the University as Professor of Entomology.

The degree of Doctor of Science Mr. Chancellor is conferred only on persons who have distinguished themselves at the University by special research or learning in the domain of Science and only on those individuals who apply for the degree and have their publications reported on favorably by three experts in their particular field of knowledge.

Professor Strickland has published fifty papers on research carried out by him in the field of Entomology. His work is remarkable for its thoroughness and for its variety as it deals with insects belonging to seven different orders and to more than fifty families. His research covers taxonomy, morphology, parasitology, and several branches of economic entomology.

His publications reflect a high degree of excellence of entomological investigation. One is impressed with the breadth, the care, the thoroughness, the industry and the scholarship that formed the basis of his research. His total contribution toward our knowledge of insects of the Canadian West is outstanding; his contributions in the field of economic entomology are noteworthy. There is no doubt that he is one of "The Great" in Canadian entomology.

Specifically, he has contributed a great deal to our knowledge of cutworms, grasshoppers, wire worms, the wheat-stem sawfly and methods of their control. Eight of his papers are catalogues of Alberta insects and these have added greatly to what we know of the fauna of the Province of Alberta.

In addition to his research activities he has taught many generations of students both in the Faculty of Agriculture, of which his department is a part, and in the Faculty of Arts and Science.

Eminent Chancellor, it is a pleasure to present to you for the degree of Doctor of Science, a brilliant teacher and research worker, a worthy colleague, Edgar Harold Strickland.



A Toast to the University

Alumni Dinner—May 13, 1954

BY FLORA-JEAN MORRISON

Tonight it is my privilege to propose a toast to the University of Alberta. For the past five years I have watched our University grow and during this past term have come to the realization of what a vast institution this is. Standing on the steps of the Students' Union Building one sees on one hand the residences; on the other, the fine old medical building, the newly completed Engineers building, not to mention the many other fine structures which grace our campus today. And yet, is not our University more than even this?

As a freshette I came to University full of vim and vigour and fairly bursting at the thought of the exciting and glamorous days ahead. Today, but a few short years later, I feel not nearly so vigorous or full of vim but perhaps I have a little better idea of what a University really is. It is true that in most cases a university is housed within a number of buildings. But more important by far is the society which lives and breathes within these buildings—for this society is the University.

Think for a moment of the society living and breathing within these buildings which we have come to know and to love. Here, through the patience and understanding of our professors and lecturers we, the graduates of today, have come to understand the primary aim of a University—that of the search for and discovery of fresh knowledge. We have learned that a University, like any other successful society, must be a co-operative society where students and teachers alike must work together in the common pursuit of knowledge. How gratifying it is to any student to feel that his professor regards him as a fellow-worker, a learner like himself.

Yes, we have learned the value of knowledge for its own sake. But this is not all we should remember when paying tribute to our University. We must think too of the fun we have known, the knocks we have taken, the exams we have failed, and the ideals we have developed. Within these halls of learning we have made friendships that will last a lifetime and will affect our intimate personal life for years to come.

The University of Alberta was founded in 1908. At that time there were no buildings, 45 students, and only four professors. What tremendous faith these men must have had in the young people that were to be their successors. They knew the going would be tough and that many obstacles would have to be overcome if their dreams for the University of Alberta were to be fulfilled. Perhaps the man who did more than any other to make the University what it is today was the late Dr. Tory, first President of the University. It was he who said that "shadows make the sun more dear", and that "a little hillwork lends zest to living."

Yes, shadows have passed and hills have been climbed and today we are saying goodbye to a surging and vital University society wherein we have learned to broaden our outlook, to strengthen our character, and to aim at perfection.

The University of Alberta is our heritage. Embodied in this heritage is our motto—"Quaecumque Vera"—"Whatsoever things are True". It has been our privilege to be a part of this society—it is now our responsibility to search throughout our lives after whatsoever things are true. Let us keep close and true to our ideals and God grant that we may forever justify the faith of our founders in bequeathing to us so challenging a heritage.



It was a festive occasion on the night before Spring Convocation when 325 graduands and their friends met in Athabasca Hall to toast the University and their class at the Annual Alumni Dinner.

Several of the head-table guests are shown in the above photo; left to right, Dr. E. P. Scarlett, Chancellor of the University; Mrs. Ken Madsen; Mr. L. Y. Cairns, Q.C., guest speaker; Ken Madsen, alumni president; Mrs. L. Y. Cairns; Mrs. Scarlett.

Harold Hayward Parlee

BY DR. ROBERT NEWTON

President Emeritus

With the passing of The Honorable Mr. Justice Harold Hayward Parlee on February 28, 1954, Alberta lost one of the "old guard" who shared in the building of the province from the beginning. Comparatively few could say, as he said to me once, that he had known personally every member of every government the province had had. This in itself is an indication of his intimate association with Alberta's history.

To the University of Alberta he is best known as the wise and prudent Chairman of its Board of Governors from 1940 to 1950. This period covered the difficult time of the war and of the rapid expansion afterwards. It saw student enrollment jump from 2,000 to 5,000 when the war ended; it saw the creation of Faculties of Dentistry and of Education, of new departments of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering and of Fine Arts; it saw the construction of the Cafeteria, the wings of the Medical Building, the Institute of Public Health, the Rutherford Library, the Students' Union, and the first permanent units of the Banff School of Fine Arts. All this meant a great deal of work for the Board of Governors, especially for its Chairman, with whom the President consulted at every step. Mr. Justice Parlee never complained, though he was still a very busy practising lawyer during the first years, and every hour devoted to the University meant the loss of real money to himself.

His interest in the education of young people naturally grew with the experience of having his own three sons pass through the University. It was further stimulated by an intensive survey of the University carried out by a government-appointed committee under his chairmanship in 1941-42. To widen his knowledge and perspective at this time he read prodigiously in the published reports of similar surveys by other educational institutions and bodies. Indeed he took his responsibility on this special committee as seriously as if he were preparing a judgment on a difficult law case which might set an historic precedent. And in a way it did, for the committee's report not only ushered in a new era for the University of Alberta but had considerable influence much farther afield.

Always looking for ways to help the students, when a trust fund of \$30,000 became available to him in 1943, to dispose of as he pleased, he gave it to the University to found the President's Scholarships. A little later he persuaded a corporation for which he had been counsel to give the University \$40,000 to help fundamental research in agriculture.

Mr. Justice Parlee was rather suspicious of so-called "progressive education", feeling that we in Canada were too prone to take over ideas from the United States just when the latter country was about ready to discard them. He was progressive all the same, always listening sympathetically to new ideas when supported by logical arguments, especially when enthusiastically presented. But he was always



The Late Honorable Mr. Justice H. H. Parlee

impatient of time-wasting, and his emphatic "Thank You" had a finality which silenced loquacious witnesses at University Survey hearings. He was a little impatient, too, with long-drawn-out meetings. On one occasion, when someone proposed adjournment, he wearily responded, "I adjourned some time ago." A few of his university duties he found tedious and uninspiring; for example, signing a thousand or so diplomas at a sitting before Convocation. Once when he got up to stretch his legs and relieve the tension I heard him mutter, "There's no future in this job!"

Though keen for the good name of the University, he still counselled not taking adverse press notices too seriously. "It would be much worse to have them ignore us. So long as they write about us we know they are interested. When we cease to be news the outlook is bad."

Mr. Justice Parlee modestly underestimated his own intrinsic goodness, though his remarks on this point mostly took the form of whimsical jokes, as when he said to the late Chief Justice Harvey, then entering his eighties, "When I see your smooth face and fresh, rosy complexion, I feel tempted to lead a better life." But this belied his genuine interest in religion, shown, for example, in his longtime habit of reading the Bible in bed. I well remember one trip to Calgary, when the significance of the Beatitudes was our main topic of conversation on the train. Occasionally he expressed a wish for a dignified, undenominational chapel on the campus, a building by itself, that would turn the thoughts of the students to the things of the Spirit whenever they saw it, and by its attractiveness induce them to enter frequently.

Pride in his family and reverence for the memory of his wife, whom he lost shortly after becoming Chairman of the Board, were well-marked characteristics. He often regretted that excessive preoccupation with his profession had reduced his opportunities for the enjoyment of his children as they were growing up. One does not achieve recognition as leading Counsel in Edmonton without long hours of close application to work.

To these random recollections of his great life, during the period I was privileged to be closely associated with Mr. Justice Parlee, it remains to add a few important dates. Born March 23, 1877, of United Empire Loyalists, on a farm near Sussex, New Brunswick, he attended the Fredericton Normal School, Mount Allison University, Dalhousie Law School, and St. John Law School (of King's College). He was admitted to the New Brunswick bar in 1901. He moved to Edmonton in 1906, and was appointed King's Counsel in 1913. He was appointed to the Trial Division of the Alberta Supreme Court in 1943, and transferred to the Appellate Division in 1946. Mount Allison conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws in 1944, and Alberta conferred the same honorary degree in 1948. He married Mary Haliburton Ogden, of Sackville, New Brunswick, in 1907. Their three sons are graduates of the University of Alberta in Law, Engineering, and Medicine, respectively.

His closing years were spent quietly, keeping up conscientiously his work on the Bench, but spending his free time mainly in his library and in visiting with his grandchildren.

What more shall I say of this loyal friend? He was honest as day, excellent in judgment, kind of heart, firm of spirit, distinguished in bearing, brisk and stimulating to meet. He hoped to leave this world with the esteem of his friends and in possession of all his faculties. This wish was fulfilled. His work done, he left gently, beloved of his friends and admired of all who knew him.



Professor Glyde Heads National Artists

The head of the department of Fine Arts at the University, Professor H. G. Glyde, was recently named president of the Canadian Federation of Artists at a meeting held in Vancouver.

He succeeds Gordon Couling of Guelph, Ontario, and will be assisted in his duties by Miss Jean Richards as national secretary and Miss Dorean Flewelling as national treasurer.

The Federation was formed in Kingston in 1946 and is the only national artist's organization in Canada.

University Students Tour With Puppet Show

A troupe of 23 hand-puppets, ranging in character from "The Lord High Executioner" to the "Lady Known As Lou" completed a five week tour of Alberta schools recently. Behind the scenes were four University students known as the Provincial Puppeteers.

The show, first of its kind since the '30s, visited schools in central Alberta after playing to student audiences in Edmonton.

Many problems faced the group, a major one being to arrange a program that would be appealing to students from grades 1 to 12. The final choices were adaptations of "The Mikado", "The Shooting of Dan McGrew", a traditional Punch and Judy Show and a Norse fairy tale. Each student of the four on tour directed one skit.

In Memoriam

Well remembered on the campus as an active and very popular member of the student fraternity **Eric L. Gibbs '32**, chief of Time magazine's Paris bureau, died recently in Geneva, Switzerland. He was covering the Geneva Conference at the time.

Prior to his association with Time magazine, Mr. Gibb served with the Toronto Star and overseas with the London Daily Sketch. He rose to the rank of lieutenant-colonel during World War II, and was deputy-director of public relations at Canadian Military Headquarters in London. He received the O.B.E. in 1944 and the Bronze Star of the United States in 1945.

Dr. John Minor Stetson, 66, staff member of William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Virginia, passed away recently following a heart attack.

Prior to his appointment to William and Mary College, Dr. Stetson had been a member of the faculties of Yale University, the University of Illinois, Western Reserve University, the University of Vermont, and the University of Alberta.

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BY THE EDITOR

THAT was the day 20 councillors of the General Alumni Association met in the Students' Union Building to discuss the year's business and make plans for 1954-55.

The weather was propitious and a lengthy agenda was handled with alacrity.

This year we were again fortunate in the calibre of representatives which met in consultation and also the wide diversification of areas which received a voice. From the west, Edmund Jorre de St. Jorre transported us to Victoria and the interesting activities engaged in by the alumni there. Then we walked Portage and Main in Winnipeg with Art Larson, who as secretary of the windy city unit, made plain the problems and the pleasures experienced by the group out there.

Those in attendance were: Miss Ruth McClure, Nurses' Alumnae; Mrs. Irene Virtue, Lethbridge; I. Goresky, Smoky Lake-Thorhild; A. M. Larson, Winnipeg; O. Massing, Zone 3; Dr. F. Gowda, Dental Alumni; F. R. Millican, Medicine Hat; E. Jorre de St. Jorre, Victoria; N. N. Bentley, Zone 2; Wm. Egbert, Calgary; A. Paul, 4A; Robert Edgar, President of the Students' Union; Ted Moser, Editor-in-Chief of the Gateway; J. C. K. Madsen, president; Rodney Pike, vice-president; Dr. A. C. McGugan, past president; G. B. Taylor, honorary secretary; Dr. J. W. Chalmers, Edmonton; O. P. Thomas, Edmonton; and A. G. Markle, Alumni secretary.

The morning meeting was devoted, in the main, to the presentation of reports. Probably the most important was that portion having to do with monies received and expended. A salient portion of the auditor's statement is carried elsewhere in this account.

Lunch hour in Athabasca Hall as guests of the Board of Governors came as a welcome respite. Following the custom of years past, the councillors were treated to an informative address by Dr. Andrew Stewart who pointed up three matters of consuming interest to the University at the moment: (a) its decentralization and the affiliation of other institutions with it (b) the new building program on the campus and (c) the current debate about education.

The afternoon session, following an interesting tour through the new Engineering Building, was handled with despatch and comments were spirited.

If we were to pick out a few of the highlights of the day's deliberations they would include such things as:

1. *The authorization to set up a committee to review the constitution of the General Association, keeping in mind the present arrangement of alumni zones and with a view to "democratizing" representation on Council.*
2. *The enlightening branch reports delivered by councillors.*

3. *The several motions given acceptance:*

- (a) *that the alumni executive make a more strenuous effort to organize the formation of additional alumni branches on a geographical and faculty basis in the coming year.*
- (b) *in view of the very disappointing percentage of returns that "the present policy of granting a complimentary year's membership in the Association to new degree graduates at time of Convocation be discontinued, and that some other membership sales system for new graduates be instituted".*
- (c) *that the General Alumni Council urge upon the Board of Governors of the University to take as immediate steps as possible to provide additional residential accommodation on the campus.*
- (d) *that Council go on record as being in support of the establishment of the second phase of the Students' Union building according to present plans and that they give their whole-hearted support to the students in this undertaking.*
- (e) *that Council authorize an amount up to \$500 to cover travelling expenses of the alumni executive and members of the University staff travelling on alumni business within the next year.*



At the noon recess following a study of alumni business the visiting councillors and executive officers of the general alumni association met to have their picture taken. Reading from right to left, **STANDING**, F. Millican, Medicine Hat; N. N. Bentley, Vermilion; A. Larson, Winnipeg; E. Jorre de St. Jorre, Victoria; A. Paul, Edmonton; Wm. Egbert, Calgary; Paul Thomas, Edmonton; I. Goresky, Smoky Lake-Thorhild; O. Massing, Sedgewick; Dr. J. W. Chalmers, Edmonton; Dr. F. Gowda, Edmonton; Bob Edgar, Students' Union; A. Markle, alumni secretary; right to left, **SEATED**, Rodney Pike, vice-president; Miss Ruth McClure, Edmonton; Ken Madsen, president; Mrs. I. Virtue, Lethbridge; Dr. A. McGugan, past president; G.B. Taylor, honorary secretary; Dr. Andrew Stewart, honorary president.

The executive committee nominations for Council for 1954-55 were unanimously endorsed and include the following:

Honorary President	Dr. Andrew Stewart
Past President	Dr. A. C. McGugan
President	J. C. Ken Madsen
Vice-President	Rodney Pike
Honorary Secretary	G. B. Taylor
Executive members: O. P. Thomas, Miss R. McClure, Dr. J. W. Chalmers, Dr. F. Gowda, A. Paul.	

Afternoon tea at the home of President and Mrs. Andrew Stewart fittingly concluded the day. Later in the evening the councillors, their wives and guests assembled for a pleasant evening at the Ballet.

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UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Edmonton, Alberta

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ended March 31, 1954

REVENUE:		
Fees (including a portion of ball receipts), less exchange	\$3,231.76	
Homecoming ball—net revenue	402.49	
		<u>\$3,634.25</u>
EXPENDITURE:		
Publication of the New Trail	\$2,188.78	
Less subsidy from the University of Alberta	1,800.00	
		<u>\$ 388.78</u>
Annual dinner for graduands and friends at Spring Convocation	158.31	
Travelling of council to Annual Meeting	278.90	
Grant to Varsity Guest Weekend	100.00	
Travelling of officials on alumni business	50.00	
Addressograph—Multigraph equipment	579.21	
Promotional material	211.53	
Film "Spring Convocation"	304.55	
Gateway—Special edition re Homecoming	40.00	
Honorarium, 1952-53 audit	50.00	
Printing	52.06	
Postage	11.70	
Sundry	61.82	
		<u>2,286.86</u>
Excess of Revenue over Expenditure for the year		<u><u>\$1,347.39</u></u>

RECENT MARRIAGES

David M. Fawcett '51 to Joan H. L. Tatham
 Dr. H. Lorne Dyer '53 to Geraldine Alice Townsend
 Clarence Mervin Leitch '52 to Margaret Joyce Morris '52
 Const. Harry D. Pringle to Catherine Kettlys '50
 Mr. Geoffrey Mitchell to Avis Popplewell '49



the chipmunk

No doubt Whiskeyjack was spoofing when he suggested the campus will one day be overrun with giant rabbits—that would be a little rough on chipmunks, especially. However if changes continue at anything like the present rate it will shortly be difficult for us old-timers to find our way about. Now we hear that the campus is expanding to take in the land between 116th and 117th street between 87th and University avenues. This land is to be used for new residences—presumably among them the new women's residence rumored last fall. In return for this area, the university is giving the city a part of the grounds around the Education building to be used for a road to join 82nd avenue with the intersection of 114th street and provide a bus loop.

Changes are not all in the physical aspects of the campus, however. This spring we shall lose four senior professors who figured largely in the early development of the university. As a recent newspaper editorial put it, they belong to "the dwindling group of senior professors who joined the staff during the First World War period and whose work has given our university a leading position in Western Canada."

Dr. I. F. Morrison of the applied mechanics branch of civil engineering, is retiring after forty-two years of service. Professor Morrison joined the staff in 1912 and besides his work as professor of civil engineering has been consultant on various construction projects, such as the Ghost River power plant, the Edmonton power plant and the 14th street bridge in Calgary.

Dr. J. W. Campbell and Dr. Karl Clark, both of whom came to the university in 1920, will also retire this spring. Dr. Campbell, professor of mathematics, is the author of a text

book in applied mathematics, a member of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada and fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, member of the Sigma Xi Honorary Scientific Fraternity, the American Mathematical Society and of the American Association of Mathematics. Dr. Karl Clark joined the Alberta Research Council in 1920 with the rank of professor. When the Council was taken into the framework of the University he came directly under the university and after the council was re-formed he worked in a dual capacity with both council and university. In 1942 he was appointed head of the metallurgy branch of the department of mining engineering. He spent the years 1937-38 on leave of absence with Trinidad Leaseholds. Dr. Clark had been a key figure in research on the McMurray tar sands for the past thirty years and intends to continue this work after his retirement as professor.

The fourth retiring member of the staff is Professor E. H. Strickland, head of the department of entomology. Professor Strickland came to the university in 1922 to establish the department. He was made a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1935, and is a fellow of the Entomological Society of America. At the May convocation he received the degree of doctor of science, not awarded as an honorary degree but on critical examination of his published papers on research and as a mark of distinguished service. He also delivered the convocation address.

The Studio Theatre closed the season with Jean Giraudoux's "The Enchanted", directed by Gordon Peacock, with Olga Roland, Frank Glenfield, Arthur Benson and Robert Bogue. The play was the group's second Giraudoux production, as those who enjoyed the "Mad-woman of Chaillot" will recall.

In late April the University Singers presented a recital in Convocation Hall, in cooperation with the Edmonton String Quartet. The quartet played numbers by Mozart and Haydn and the Singers presented William Byrd's Mass for Four Voices, a Bach cantata, "God's Time is Best", and Three Psalms for Mixed Voices by Grieg. Chipmunk, walking home through the pleasant spring night could not but feel it was rare luck to get fresh, interesting music, beautifully presented, in dignified surroundings and all costing nothing more than a walk across the campus

Convocation time brings news of many awards and prizes far too many to be listed here. Two that are of special interest, are the Mothersill Award which went this year to Miss Clara Angelvedt of Provost for outstanding contributions to student life; and the newly instituted Florence Ellen Dodd Prize, awarded to a woman student for satisfactory academic work and outstanding extracurricular activities. This went to Miss Flora-Jean Morrison of Calgary, a graduating student in the B.Sc. in nursing course.

The Nuffield Foundation has awarded a travelling fellowship to Dr. Meldrum W. Little, a 1950 graduate in medicine from the University of Alberta. The fellowship is valued at £800 and will enable Dr. Little to spend a year in the study of surgery with Professor Ian Aird of the London Postgraduate School of Medicine.

A Shell Oil Fellowship to the value of \$900 plus fees has been awarded to Gordon Barry Mellon, who graduated this spring with first class honors in geology.

The Cominco Fellowship, awarded annually by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company to a graduate in either science, engineering or agriculture, goes to Charles Gordon Sinclair of Chester, England. The scholarship, worth \$1,000 is tenable at the University of Alberta only. Mr. Sinclair is an honors graduate in chemical engineering from the University of Manchester.

David Reid Brodie is the winner of the Husky Oil and Refining scholarship awarded for study and research in the discovery, development, production, processing, transportation and utilization of "black oils".

Notes of interest keep cropping up concerning graduates recent and otherwise.

Dr. Gordon Gainer has been awarded the Westinghouse Patent Disclosure award for his development of a new silicone aviation jet engine lubricant which flows at very low temperatures. Dr. Gainer is an honors chemistry graduate of '42 and obtained his Ph.D. from Iowa in 1946.

Two other honors chemistry graduates have also been commended for their research. The American Goitre Association has awarded the Van Meter Prize for the best piece of original research to Dr. Samuel Kirkwood ('42) for his work with thyroid glands. Associated with Dr. Kirkwood in the work was David M. Fawcett, also of Edmonton, and an honors chemistry graduate of '51. Dr. Kirkwood is at present associate professor of biochemistry at McMaster, where Mr. Fawcett is a graduate student.

E. K. Cumming, who was an instructor in mechanical engineering from 1945-48, and supervised the university's building program at that time, has been elected chairman of the Edmonton branch of the Engineering Institute. He is now president of Cumming-Galbraith Ltd.

Donald A. Freeze has been appointed director of property and building management for the federal department of Public Works with headquarters at Ottawa. Mr. Freeze is a '35 graduate in architecture and was awarded the Royal Architectural Institute gold medal on graduation.

Some graduates excell in research, others find their forté in the roving, adventurous life. John Stelfox for instance operates a ranch on the Pelly River near Fort Selkirk in the Yukon, the farthest north ranch on the continent. He raises cattle and grain and does research work in which he reports to the government. We think there ought to be a good story here for a future issue, but as Mr. Stelfox was last reported en route up the Alaska highway with a tractor on his truck, it may take sometime to run it to earth.

The far north has played a large part in the life of Gudlangur Palsen who studied engineering and surveying at the university around 1914-18 and is now with the federal department of mines and technical surveys. Mr. Palsen, who came from Iceland in 1908, has done such interesting things as laying out the

» » Alumni Notes « «

1924

Betty Mitchell, one of our graduates who has distinguished herself in the field of drama, was in Edmonton recently to act as adjudicator at a three-night play festival sponsored by the Edmonton Drama Council. Miss Mitchell makes her home in Calgary and is director of Workshop 14 there.

1925

We were very pleased to learn recently that **J. H. D. Hargrave**, presently employed with the C. M. and S. at Trail had been promoted Superintendent of Development, Metallurgical Division.

Mr. Hargrave joined C. M. and S. in 1928 as an assayer and since then has moved steadily up the ladder. His extra-curricular activities embrace the vice-presidency of the Trail-Tadanac Hospital Board, he is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of B.C., and finds time to be an active Rotarian.

1926

As a result of our circularizing the Medical Alumni Association recently, one of several very interesting replies that we had was that from **Dr. E. A. Campbell** now resident in New Westminster.

Dr. Campbell brought us up to date concerning the fine seventy bed private hospital that he is superintendent of, and also the fact that his family is now very much grown up, with one son taking engineering.

1927

Congratulations are in order for **Dr. Percy H. Sprague**, who we learned recently was elected Governor of the American College of Physicians for Western Canada.

Dr. Sprague was president of the Canadian Medical Association and has taken an active

townsite of Yellowknife, designing the first ski tow at Banff, and surveying the border between Alberta and B.C., and between Alberta and the Northwest Territories. We hope to have Mr. Palsen's story in more detail also in a later issue.

Another graduate with a roving foot is Sterling Haynes of Edmonton who has gone "adventuring" to Nigeria. Mr. Haynes spent

part in the organization of the Canadian Diabetics Association and the Arthritic and Rheumatism Association. He has been Chief of the Department of Medicine at the Royal Alexandra Hospital and is presently associate professor of Medicine at the University of Alberta.

1928

L. S. Piper has recently been appointed Superintendent of Engineering Services for C. M. and S. where he has been employed since graduation.

Mr. Piper is a member of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, the Association of Professional Engineers of B.C., and the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers. He has done much to promote youth hockey and baseball and is an active member of the Rossland-Trail Golf and Country Club.

1929

A short note was received from **James A. Campbell** who hopes to be in Edmonton next Fall, when his son enters University.

Dr. Campbell has been a member of the staff of Letchworth Village for some years and spends his leisure time riding and sailing.

Irving Grissoff is presently located in Washington, D.C. and would like to meet any graduates who "happen to be in these parts."

Dr. Viola Rae informs us she has been on the staff of Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver, since 1946.

An interesting and informative letter was received from **Kay and Bob Langston** who now reside in West Vancouver after having spent the war years in England. Kay is on the staff of Shaughnessy Hospital and Bob has opened an office for Plastic Surgery. He was recently

the last year with the British Colonial Service, organizing tropical fish farms so as to aid in improving the diet of Nigerian natives. The main project with which he was associated was the construction of a dam. Mr. Haynes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Haynes. He is considering further study at the University of Toronto.

appointed the first clinical professor of Plastic Surgery at the University of B.C.

Dr. and Mrs. Langston and their adopted twins spend their spare time "gardening, watching ships come and go, and hoping more Medical Alumni will drop in and say hello."

1930

Dr. W. S. Anderson has been appointed president-elect of the Canadian Medical Association, Alberta Division, and will assume the presidency at the annual convention at Calgary in September.

Dr. W. H. Swift, vice-president of the Canadian Education Association, has been named official delegate to the 17th International conference on public education at Geneva in July.

Before returning home, Dr. Swift plans to visit Great Britain, where his son is studying engineering.

Presently residing in Baltimore, **Dr. A. Earl Walker** is preparing for a medical mission to Germany this summer and hopes to be in Edmonton next year.

1935

Donald A. Freeze has been appointed director of property and building management for the federal department of public works. Mr. Freeze was the successful candidate in a country-wide competition and the civil service has approved his appointment, which was effective May 1st. He left the position of district architect in Toronto which he had held since 1949.

Mr. Freeze is married to the former Beatrice Anderson and has two sons.

1936

Thomas W. Hall has been elected president of the Edmonton branch of the Agricultural Institute of Canada. He has been with a supervisory service of the Veteran's Land Act branch in Edmonton since 1946.

1938

We had a brief note recently from **Dr. Frederick D. Conroy** who is now practising urology in Edmonton and has a family of five.

1939

E. Paul Johnson was recently named assistant to the C.B.C.'s Director of Engineering in Alberta. He joined the C.B.C. in 1939 as

a transmitter operator at Watrous, Saskatchewan, during which time he was an operator on the Royal Tour. After completing an extensive circuit as a war correspondent engineer with the C.B.C.'s overseas unit, which took him to North Africa, Britain, Sicily, Italy and Western Europe, he returned to Canada in 1944, and in 1948 became senior engineer, a post he held until recently.

Mr. Johnson has spent a good deal of time working on Canada's role in the world of short-wave broadcasting.

1940

We have been wondering how **Gordon Sweet**, newly elected president of the Lacombe Golf Clubs feels about the rainy weather we have been experiencing.

E. V. Smith of Edmonton has recently been appointed district inspector of poultry by the federal agriculture department. Mr. Smith will be in charge of marketing and production services in Alberta.

One of our genial local correspondents called the other day to enquire if we had heard **Alice Frick** being interviewed over the C.B.C. We confided that we hadn't, and were then informed that Miss Frick is a script writer for the national radio network and among other things directs and produces radio plays. In the course of the interview she apparently mentioned one or two other outstanding Albertans, Ronald Mitchell, formerly with the University's department of extension and now writing for Esquire, and Hugh Morrison '30 our "Trail Blazer" in the Fall issue of The New Trail.

Dr. H. McFadyen is practising obstetrics in Saskatoon. He has two sons, ages 10 and 5.

Dr. L. Giroux is back in Edmonton and specializing in urology after several years in general practise.

Presently in Hamilton, Ontario, **Dr. J. G. MacLennan** is practising in Allergic Diseases.

A newsy note was received recently from **Dr. J. Douglas Wallace**, who is in partnership in the Wainwright Clinic with Dr. H. C. Wallace, Dr. J. E. Bradley '40 and Dr. S. M. Ascot.

Since graduation Dr. Wallace has spent five years in the R.C.A.F. and a year in post-graduate work in orthopedics. He is an active member of the R.C.A.F. Reserve and also of the Economics Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta.

1941

A former Edmontonian, **Dr. Jean Holowach** has been named assistant professor of pediatrics at Washington University Medical School, St. Louis, Missouri.

Eric G. Hale and Mrs. Hale from Mundare who were in Edmonton for Varsity Guest Week-End have asked that we express their appreciation to the students who so unselfishly gave their time to entertain visitors during the week-end.

1942

Dr. R. D. Buchanan is practising in Calgary and can be located at 239-12th Avenue West.

Allan Cedric Smith has organized his own Vancouver firm of Allan C. Smith and Associates. The firm recently designed the \$530,000 New Westminster City Hall, two factories in the quarter million bracket, the \$180,000 Chilliwack arena and the projected \$1,250,000 Workmen's Compensation Building in Vancouver.

1943

Recently appointed district airway engineer for the department of transport with headquarters in Edmonton, **E. Bert Wilkins** will be responsible for the engineering supervision of major runway development this year at Yellowknife, McMurray and Grande Prairie. He is also in charge of runways at Cold Lake Airport.

1944

Dr. R. H. Blaquiére has been elected president of the Edmonton District Dental Society for 1954-55.

Dr. John W. Stephens and his family—two daughters and a son—are located in Portland, Oregon, where he is practising Internal Medicine and is Clinical Instructor of Medicine at the University of Oregon Medical School.

Dr. L. R. Amundsen is in general practise at Michel-Natal, B.C.

1945

Dr. L. Ian Younger has been at the Calgary Associate Clinic for the past two years after doing post-graduate work at the University of Minnesota, and says he's "liking the city of the Foothills very much."

1946

Dr. James O. Metcalfe is currently practising urology in Edmonton.

1948

Dr. S. S. Hein reports a successful practise at Rocky Mountain House and now has a two year old son.

Happily established "with house, family and practise" at Radway, Alberta, **Dr. R. J. Lastiwka** would be interested in hearing from former classmates.

1949

A wedding of "international" interest was that of **Miss Avis Popplewell** to Mr. Geoffrey Mitchell which recently took place in Punjab, India. We noticed particularly that the wedding cake had been sent from Canada and decorated in India. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell plan to remain in India.

1950

We apologize for our belated acknowledgement of a newsy note received some time ago from **Lois Grant**. Lois is northern field organizer for the Junior Red Cross and her travels take in that area north of Red Deer. As she says, "it's grand to meet many old U. of A. friends in the course of duty." Some of those she jotted down included **Pat Seldon** "now district home economist for the Peace River area". Also **Olive Gerrard**, '51, **Don Huston**, party chief for Western Geo-physical stationed at Grande Prairie, and **Bill Humphries** '53, who helped install natural gas in G. P. recently. Thanks for the note Lois, we would be glad to hear from you again anytime.

1951

A planned seven-weeks summer course at the Sorbonne University in Paris extended to almost a year abroad for an unusually avid sight-seer, **Miss Alberta Mae Byers**, formerly a member of the teaching staff of Alberta College. She had wanted to study oral French in Paris since 1947 when she won her first scholarship in French to the Banff School of Fine Arts.

1952

Bruce A. C. West is with the Canadian Celanese Co. in Drummondville, Quebec, doing production and development work concerning the manufacture of celanese yarn and staple, which he informs us is the same type of operation as that of the Canadian Chemical Co. in Edmonton. He goes on to say, "I'm still single, and now twenty-five."

William Lehmann is principal of the Armena School, Camrose School Division No. 20.

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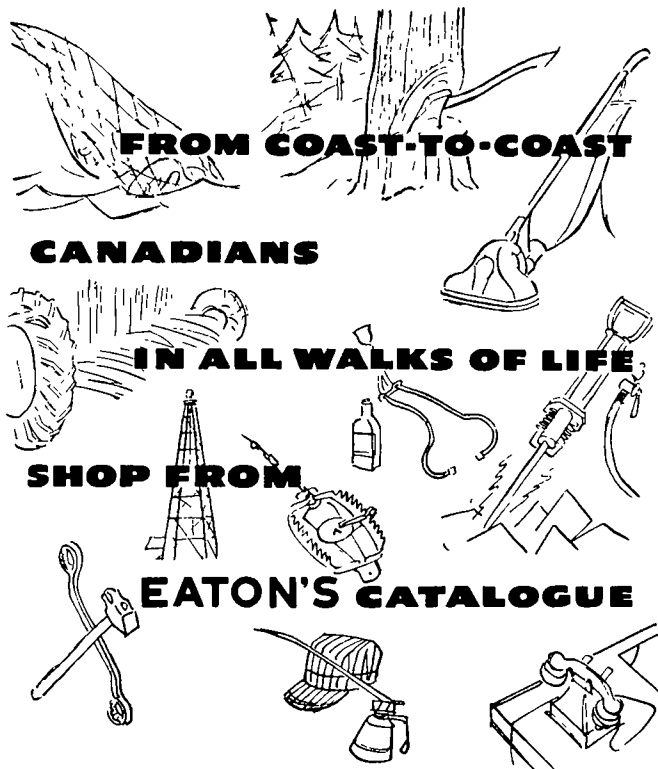
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